

How the Useful Plants Came to Mankind

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Maize, or Indian Corn

ALTHOUGH some poorly supported claims have been made for its origin in southeastern Asia, Indian corn is considered beyond reasonable doubt; a native of America, possibly the principal food plant given to the Old world by the New. Not only is there ample proof that maize was raised in America long before the first discoverer even touched foot here, it is equally true that no record exists of maize having been known before that time in either Asia, Egypt or Europe.

Best of all proofs, though a circumstantial one, that corn is American, is the fact that it spread through Europe and Asia, with great swiftness once it had been introduced from America. This being so, say the botanists, a similar swift spread of so valuable a grain would have taken place centuries sooner had it been available for planting. And available it was, as is well known to all in S. D. A. as in Europe.

Corn probably originated in the highlands of what is now the Republic of Columbia. This kernel is supported by the fact that it was grown both by the Indians of prehistory Peru and of ancient Mexico. But these groups had little commerce, and, in fact, almost no knowledge of one another. Therefore, if this is the case, it must have spread both got it from common source.

Common use in Europe of the name "de la Turquie" or "Turkish wheat" has, however, misled some investigators in believing that maize was actually Turkish, or Eastern. In its origin.

A fascinating fact in the story of maize is that it has never been found in the wild state anywhere, in the world.

Both Needed Protectors

The man who came into front of her cigar counter, Dolly decided, was of a kind. They were easily pleased with her, and, therefore, so readily influenced to purchase wares, and so confident that they possessed the charms and abilities, should they care to exert them, of attracting the heart of the salesgirl.

It was Dolly's opinion, however, that this was not the case, and she regarded himself as a particular friend and admirer of the appealing girl, the stand was popular and the Salesmen.

"Most places," she said, "smokes. Here they sit, buy their cigarettes, and I'm telling you they eat it up."

When it was suggested that Dolly might forsake the stand to marry one these men who seemed so confidently over her, she said:

"In the first place," she said, "most of them are married already. My idea of a hero isn't the kind who makes wife cracks in the hotel lobbies. How would it be to go through life with a man who thinks you should tickle pink every time he calls you sweetie?"

"Yes, here you are. Mr. Lansing, I can never forget the kind of cigars you smoke." And Dolly interrupted him by passing the glass to one over regular customers.

On day there approached a pudgy, cheecked young man who stopped briskly and spoke in a deep voice:

"One of these, please," he said, pointing to the case, and Dolly reached for the box. When he had gone she sighed.

"That's the way it is," she said. "With one of those real men from the oil-well spaces comes along, he doesn't stop to talk. If he did he would not be the kind I want and if he doesn't, I may never know him. Graceless girls do have a place in the world."

"Don't worry about the boy," Dolly said. "Always in businesslike manner; he purchased a cigar and went his way with no more than a 'thank you' for the girl who began to fashion romance from his appearance."

"He's a big strong man," she said, "and not the kind to hang over a counter for an hour at a time. But at the same he is smoking too many cigars. I can't see how any man can smoke as many as he buys and still look so well."

And the big strong man, who was Dolly's first boy, he decided, was too pretty and too intelligent to be smiling and smiling at every prospective customer. He could get acquainted, now, without her thinking he was trying to be fresh. Well, any way he could do, Dolly thought.

While Dolly made his purchase, she scanned his face to see if there were visible any of the effects of too much smoking. Then she noted that one of the buttons on his coat was hanging off. She was about to say something, but he said:

"Wait a minute, I'll fix that for you." Dolly was further ordered, to go to the office of the Probate Office, and he hereby appointed for hearing him back. Always in businesslike manner; he purchased a cigar and went his way with no more than a "thank you" for the girl who began to fashion romance from his appearance."

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There is the saying that opposites attract. These two, opposite in every thing except the desire to be protectors, were bound in sympathy before they had exchanged a single confidence.

"Of course," said Dolly, "when at last she braved the risk of offending him, 'It is none of my business, while I am selling this stock, but don't you think you are smoking too much?'

The man gave her a slightly hurried answer, the girl plunged on:

"That button on your coat!" Suddenly she felt she had gone too far. This man was as different from the rest.

"I was going to say if you dare to bring the coat in tomorrow, any day, I'll fix it."

Still the man stared at her. Then with difficulty he spoke as if to make certain he had heard aright:

"You mean you have been worrying or thinking about me striking such a match and about that button?"

Silently, but now she was

"I gotta get this right," he continued. "It's important. You see I've taken care of myself and the idea of some one sorta looking after me," she floundered then thrust out his hand.

"Put her there, girl; there's two of us. I'd—I'd like to take care of you too."

Big Order
Customer—Do you make life-size enlargements from photographs?

Photograph—Yes, sir; that's one of our special lines.

Customer—Well, do this one for me. It's a snap I took of a whale. Perhaps...

Customer—How the Why of it
We've been highly married for years and my husband and I have never disagreed.

Customer—That's nice to hear. However, my husband never contradicts me either.

The said marriage and this sale...

HOT LUNCH AT NOON

Terms: Under \$25, Cash; over \$25 7% good bankable notes, payable at Farmington State Sav. Bank.

ALBERT MAYES AND SON

Harry Robinson, Auctioneer

Jess Ziegler, Clerk

Edgar S. Pierce, Note Clerk

TRY THIS

By EDNA PURDY WALSH

(continued)

To Make an Unusual Basket Pillow

old premises thereunder is subject to a prior mortgage in the principal sum of \$33,000 and any accrued interest thereon, held by Charles C. Cook and Alice C. Cook, 151 Majestic Blk., Detroit, Mich., recd. Dec. 13, 1928.

DONALD L. ALBACH, Attorney, 700 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Oakland.

—Suit pending before Harry J. Merritt, a Circuit Court Commissioner for said County between Charles C. Cook and Alice C. Cook, 151 Majestic Blk., Detroit, Michigan, and defendant.

Summons issued and returned that defendant and cannot be found, it appearing by affidavit that the said defendant resides at the defendant appears at the Court Room of the undersigned, 220 New Royal Oak Savings Bank Building, Royal Oak, Michigan, on FEBRUARY 1, 1929, and defend the complaint filed in this suit or judgment will be entered by default, and that this suit be served by publication as required by statute.

The foregoing suit involves title to land situated in the Township of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan, on Feb. 1, 1929, and recd. Feb. 1, 1929.

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